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FOLLOWING BENGHAZI 633 SEPT 2, RPTD YOUR
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SUBJECT: BENGHAZI STATUS REPORT - 12:00 SEPTEMBER 2

1. CURFEW IN DOWNTOWN BENGHAZI LIFTED AT 10:00 HOURS. AT SAME MOMENT, FLIGHT OF 4 JETS MADE LOW PASS OVER TOWN.

2. LAST 24 HOURS IN BENGHAZI HAVE BEEN NERVOUS PERIOD BUT WE HAVE HEARD OF NO REPEAT NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS. ALL HAVE BEEN WARNED TO STAY HOME DURING CURFEW.

3. REPORTS ON CASUALTIES IN BENGHAZI SINCE DAWN SEPTEMBER ONE VARY FROM TWO TO FOUR. CHARLES RICHARDSON, MANAGER OF LOFFLAND BROTHERS, WHO LIVES ON TRIPOLI ROAD, REPORTED THAT THERE WAS BRIEF FIRE FIGHT HIS AREA MORNING SEPTEMBER ONE. HE BELIEVES ARMY ATTEMPTED ARREST POLICE OFFICER WHO LIVES NEARBY AND OFFICER RESISTED. HE WAS EITHER KILLED OR CAPTURED. BRIGADIER WARREN, CHIEF BMM, REPORTS ANOTHER OFFICER WAS SHOT IN THE LEGS WHILE RESISTING ARREST AND THAT TOTAL OF FOUR KILLED OR WOUNDED.

4. DIRECTOR FOR STATE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS OPPOSITE MAAG COMPOUND WERE OCCUPIED BY EVMY ABOUT 0900 SEPTEMBER ONE WITHOUT OPPOSITION. HALF HOUR LATER, ARMY SERGEANT ENTERED MAAG COMPOUND

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LOOKING FOR LIBYANS. LT COL MILLS INFORMED HIM THERE WERE NONE PRESENT AND SAID THAT IF SEARCH NECESSARY, SOLDIER SHOULD RETURN WITH AN OFFICER. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER ATTEMPT ENTER MAAG COMPOUND.

5. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT WHO IS SENIOR MAN IN BENGHAZI. MORNING SEPTEMBER TWO I AGAIN MET WITH LT QADDAFI AT RADIO/TV HEADQUARTERS AND ASKED TO SEE THE MAN IN CHARGE IN BENGHAZI AREA. HE REPLIED WITH SOME EMOTION QUOTE WHO KNOWS WHO IS IN CHARGE? I AM IN CHARGE HERE. WHAT DO YOU WANT? UNQUOTE. I REQUESTED RENEWED ASSURANCES THAT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY WOULD BE PROTECTED, WHICH HE READILY PROMISED. I ALSO REQUESTED PASSFOR FOR KEY EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND FOLLOWING VISIT BY CIVILIAN REP OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL REPORTED BENGHAZI 631 WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED 24 HOUR PASSES FOR LANE, KELLY, RICH AND KALLA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN 24 HOURS WATCH AT EMBASSY OFFICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICES.

6. TRIPOLI PLEASE PASS DEPT AND BAIDA IF DESIRED.
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